

In the Claims:

Claim 1, line 8 after "said base member" insert --and relative to each other through a range of 360 degrees ----

Claim 2, line 19 after "said base member" insert --through a range of 360 degrees-

Claim 3, line 12 after "said given dimension" insert --permitting movement of said blister die cutter unit relative to said base member through a range of 360 degrees--

REMARKS

This amendment is in response to the office action dated September 13, 2001. In this action the examiner disapproved the proposed correction to Figure 8 of the drawings. In this amendment it is believed that the drawing corrections have been correctly made in that a sheet showing in red the deletion to Figure 8 and also included is a sheet showing Figure 8 with the correction completed thereon.

In the action the examiner rejected Claims 1 and 3 under 102 (b) as being clearly anticipated by Carll (U.S. 2,313,801). Claims 1 and 3 have been amended and are now believed to patentably differentiate over Carll. Carll illustrates a plurality of die members 14 mounted on a supporting block 16. Provision is made to shift the position of the die members on the block 16 in mutually perpendicular directions. When the desired position

has been located the die members are fixedly and non movably secured to the base by means which include the bolts 32. After the die members have been fixedly secured they do not adjust until the bolts are loosened.

It will be noted that Claims 1 and 3 have been amended to differentiate over Carll. These claims now point out that the die cutter units are adjustable by insertion of the sheet of blisters being cut into the die cutter units and the die cutter units are permitted movement relative to the base member through a range of 360 degrees. This permits the advantages pointed out in the specification and clearly distinguishes over the Carll reference.

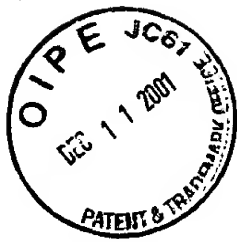
Claim 2 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 (a) as unpatentable over Carll. Claim 2 has been amended in a fashion similar to Claims 1 and 3. It will be noted that Claim 2 now recites that the assembly is movable relative to the base member through a range of 360 degrees. Based upon this amendment it is believed that Claim 2 patentably differentiates over the Carll reference and for essentially the same reasons urged for the allowance of Claims 1 and 3.

It is therefore urged that the amended Claims 1-3 patentably differentiate over the art of record for the reasons given above. Favorable consideration in this respect is requested.

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1. (Amended) A compensating blister die cutter apparatus including
a base member,

at least first and second blister die cutter units supported by said base member,
each said blister die cutter unit comprising a

5 a support member carrying a steel rule die,
a lost motion connection connecting said support member to said base
member permitting relative lateral movement of each die cutter unit
relative to said base member.

And relative to each other through
a range of 360 degrees

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2. (Amended) A compensating blister die cutter apparatus including

10 a base member,
at least first and second blister die cutter units supported by said base member,
each said blister die cutter unit comprising

a bottom board, a backup plate positioned on said bottom board,
a top board positioned on said backup plate,

15 a rule slot in said top board,
a steel rule in said rule slot and having a cutting edge,
a cavity formed in the central portion of said bottom board, backup plate and top board
as assembled,

threaded members connecting the bottom board, backup plate and top board together
20 to move as a unit,

vertical holes extending through the connected bottom board, backup plate and the top

board and having a diameter of a given dimension,

adjustment members extending through said vertical holes and being threaded into

said base member,

said adjustment members having a smaller diameter than said given dimension thus

5 permitting lateral movement of said connected bottom board, backup plate and top board

relative to said base member.

through a range of 360 degrees

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3. (Amended) A compensating blister die cutter apparatus including

a base member,

at least first and second blister die cutter units supported by said base member,

10 each said blister die cutter unit comprising a top board,

a rule slot in said top board,

a steel rule in said rule slot and having a cutting edge,

a cavity formed in the central portion of said top board,

vertical holes extending through said top board and having a diameter of a given

15 dimension,

adjustment members extending through said vertical holes and being connected to

said base member,

and said adjustment members having a smaller diameter than said given dimension.

PERMITTING

*MOVEMENT OF SAID BLISTER DIE CUTTER
UNIT RELATIVE TO SAID BASE MEMBER
THROUGH A RANGE OF 360 DEGREES.*